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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Charter for the Joint Communications Satellite
Center

1. On 28 June 1983, the Deputy Secretary of Defense approved* establishment of the Joint Communications Satellite Center (JCSC) in the OJCS to direct apportionment of the military satellite communications capacity among DOD and non-DOD users. Also, he directed that a charter be developed for the activities and responsibilities of the JCSC.
2. The JCS-approved JCSC Charter in the Appendix is provided for your information. It establishes the mission, scope, organization, and functions of the JCSC.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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Attachment

Reference:

- * Memorandum by the Deputy Secretary of Defense, 28 June 1983, "Consolidated C3 Management"

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APPENDIX

CHARTER FOR THE JOINT COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CENTER

Mission

1. The mission of the Joint Communications Satellite Center (JCSC) is to direct, in coordination with the Services and DCA, the apportionment of military satellite communications capacity among DOD and non-DOD users in support of tactical and contingency requirements.

Scope

2. Military satellite communications (MILSATCOM) system includes all satellite communications systems either totally owned or totally leased by the Department of Defense. Although the complete system includes the terminal segment, space segment, and control segment, the scope of this charter is restricted to the space segment. The JCSC will validate high-priority accesses for MILSATCOM systems and will be the focal point for the apportionment of operational satellite communications capacity. The JCSC will not assume any of the responsibilities of the executive agents as outlined in JCS MOP 178.

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>1</u>
3. The JCSC will be located in the Contingency Support Division, under the Deputy Director for Defense-Wide C3 Support, Director for C3 Systems (C3S), OJCS. The division chief will be directly responsible for operation of the center, under the supervision of the Director for C3S. The JCSC will be staffed by two officers in the grade of O5.	<u>2</u> <u>3</u> <u>4</u> <u>5</u> <u>6</u> <u>7</u>
4. JCSC actions will be coordinated with the Director for Operations (J-3) and the Chief, Satellite Communications Division, C3S. The Director, Joint Special Operations Agency, will coordinate in JCSC matters involving special operations. When JCS crisis staffing procedures are in effect, actions will be coordinated through the Operations Planners Group/Crisis Action Team (OPG/CAT) through the C3S response cell.	<u>8</u> <u>9</u> <u>10</u> <u>11</u> <u>12</u> <u>13</u> <u>14</u> <u>15</u>
5. Crisis/contingency operations or exercises (more than 2 weeks in duration) may require one or more action officer augmentee(s) familiar with satellite operations from the Army, Navy, Air Force, or DCA for the purpose of manning a 24-hour operations center. The augmentee(s) will report to the Chief, Contingency Support Division. Augmentation will be requested by the Deputy Director for Defense-Wide C3 Support.	<u>16</u> <u>17</u> <u>18</u> <u>19</u> <u>20</u> <u>21</u> <u>22</u> <u>23</u>

Functions

6. Functions of the JCSC are to:

- a. Function as the DOD focal point for monitoring, coordinating, and formulating actions requiring JCS approval for all MILSATCOM tactical and contingency operational accesses.
- b. Resolve day-to-day conflicts and implement JCS direction on all matters pertinent to apportionment of the MILSATCOM resources in support of tactical and contingency operations.
- c. Validate high-priority accesses and assist the executive agents in enforcing the JCS MOP 178 MILSATCOM prioritization system.
- d. Assist users in gaining satellite access in emergency situations when time precludes normal procedures.
Maintain a non-duty-hours, on-call officer to process emergency MILSATCOM satellite access.
- e. Monitor MILSATCOM access to ensure effective and efficient use of MILSATCOM capacity.
- f. Be cognizant of the current operational status of all MILSATCOM systems.

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g. Be the DOD focal point for apportionment of MILSATCOM	<u>1</u>
in support of exercises, contingencies, crises, and war.	<u>2</u>
h. Provide a representative to the C3S response cell to	<u>3</u>
coordinate MILSATCOM taskings within the existing frame-	<u>4</u>
work of the Crisis Staffing Procedures. In all other	<u>5</u>
situations where the OPG/CAT is not formed, the JCSC will	<u>6</u>
provide input to OJCS, J-3.	<u>7</u>
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